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School Bus Stop Safety Rules

Children Waiting for the School Bus

- At least one responsible adult should wait with younger children at the bus stop, before and after school. Due to work and busy schedules, this might not be possible. Communicate with other parents to set up a schedule that will have a responsible adult at the bus stop everyday.
- Even if you do not have children at a bus stop, every responsible community member should keep a watchful eye out if they should see something suspicious or out of place when children are waiting for the bus. **911 should be called immediately.**
- Older students should wait at bus stops with other students.
(There is safety in numbers)
- Especially when streets are covered with snow and ice, children should stand as far away from the roadway as possible. If a car should lose control and slide onto the sidewalk, the few seconds might give the children enough time to react and avoid being struck.

Walking to School

- A responsible adult should accompany students that walk to and from school, even if it is only a few blocks.

Safety Plan

- Talk to your children about the risks involved with strangers.
 - ❖ Do not engage strangers in conversations
 - ❖ Do not approach unknown vehicles
 - ❖ Do not accept gifts or money from any unknown person for any reason
- Children need to be taught what to do in the event of an emergency
 - ❖ What is suspicious activity
 - ❖ Where would a child be able to run to in the event of an emergency if no one was at home (safe neighbor's residence)
 - ❖ Empower your child with the knowledge that they can run to safety if they sense danger and to **call 911 immediately**

For more information or to start a Crime Watch in your area, please call the Northwest District Neighborhood Resource Office at 327-6616

Report Suspicious Activity to 911 Immediately